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## Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 12, 2011- - - Based on year end acreage and yield data, production of most major field crops showed a decrease from last year. Corn for grain and silage, oats, winter wheat, dry hay, all forage, and fall potatoes had lower production in 2010 than in 2009, according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Production of barley in Pennsylvania remained unchanged. Production of both soybeans and tobacco increased over last year's production.

Corn for grain production totaled 116.5 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year's production. Corn acres harvested for grain was estimated at 910,000 and the average yield was 128 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from 2009. Corn for silage production at 7.2 million tons, was down 12 percent from production in 2009. Acres harvested for silage totaled 400,000, down 5 percent from 2009. Silage yield was 18.0 tons per acre, down 1.5 tons per acre from the 2009 yield.

Alfalfa dry hay production was 1.3 million tons, 10 percent below last year's production. Acres harvested were 500,000, unchanged from last year, with an average yield of 2.6 tons per acre. Alfalfa haylage and greenchop production was 1.6 million tons (green weight), 36 percent below last year's production. Acres harvested were 285,000, with an average yield of 5.6 tons per acre. All alfalfa forage production was 2.09 million tons (dry weight equivalent), 22 percent below last year's production. Alfalfa acres newly seeded in 2010 for crop production in 2011 totaled 95,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from a year ago. All other dry hay acres harvested totaled 1,000,000 acres, a decrease of 50,000 acres from last year, with a yield of 2.10 tons per acre for a total production of 2.1 million tons, down 5 percent from last year. Total forage production on a dry equivalent basis was 4.44 million tons, 15 percent below last year's production. Forage was harvested from 1.7 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. Average forage yield per acre in 2010 was 2.61 dry tons, compared to 2.89 dry tons a year ago.

Oat production was 4.72 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's production. Harvested acres totaled 80,000, unchanged from last year. The yield was 59 bushels per acre, 2 bushels below last year. Production of winter wheat was 8.9 million bushels, 10 percent below 2009's crop. Harvested acres totaled 150,000, with a yield of 59 bushels per acre, 3 bushels per acre more than last year. Barley production was 3.38 million bushels, unchanged from 2009. Acreage harvested was 45,000 with an average yield per acre of 75 bushels, unchanged from a year ago.

Soybean production, at 20.8 million bushels, was 2 percent above last year's production. Acreage harvested was 495,000, a 50,000 acre increase from 2009. The 2010 yield was 42 bushels per acre, 4 bushels per acre less than a year ago.

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Fall potato production, at 2.21 million hundredweight (cwt.), was down 25 percent from last year's production. Acres harvested were 500 less than last year at 9,000. The yield of 245 cwt. per acre was down 65 cwt. from last year's yield.

Pennsylvania burley tobacco production totaled 10.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest was 4,200, compared to 4,100 a year ago. Average yield per acre was 2,400 pounds, up 100 pounds from last year. Southern Maryland type tobacco production totaled 4.95 million pounds, 2 percent more than last year. Harvested acreage was 2,200, up 100 acres from 2009. Pennsylvania seedleaf-type tobacco production totaled 4.94 million pounds, 12 percent more than last year. Harvested acreage was 2,100, 100 acres more than last year. The average yield of 2,350 pounds per acre was 7 percent above 2009.

At the **United States** level, corn for grain production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and 5 percent below the record high production of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. U.S. grain yield for 2010 is estimated at 152.8 bushels per acre. This is down 1.5 bushels from the November forecast and 11.9 bushels below the record high yield of 164.7 bushels per acre set in 2009. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 81.4 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and up 2 percent from 2009.

Soybean production in 2010 totaled 3.33 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2009. U.S. production is the second largest on record. The average yield per acre is estimated at 43.5 bushels, 0.4 bushel below the November 1 forecast and 0.5 bushel below last year's record high yield. Harvested area is up slightly from 2009 to a record high 76.6 million acres.

Production of other major crops and changes from the previous year are as follows: corn for silage, 107.3 million tons, down 1 percent; dry alfalfa hay, 67.9 million tons, down 4 percent; other dry hay, 77.7 million tons, up 1 percent from 2009; oats, 81.2 million bushels, down 13 percent; winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent; barley 180.3 million bushels, down 21 percent; all potatoes, 397.1 million cwt., down 8 percent; all tobacco, 720 million pounds, down 12 percent; and maple syrup 1.96 million gallons, down 19 percent.

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